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prohibition, I offer you the opportunity. The opportunity is to raise the drinking age to 99.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Time is up, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: We have not tried that. We have tried prohibition and it didn't work.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the Newell amendment. All those in favor aye, against vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all changed your vote? Record, Mr. Clerk. Will you all stand at ease. You have succeeded in breaking the machine. Due to technical difficulties, it will be necessary to call the roll on this amendment. So, Mr. Clerk, will you please call the roll on the Newell amendment.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 351 of the Legislative Journal.) 2 ayes, 37 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The amendment fails. Do we have another amendment pending, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend. Senator Wesely would move to amend by adding the following language: (Read Wesely amendment as found on page 351 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, waiting for the Board to relax awhile over the Newell amendment, I think this is an amendment that has some merit. It is something that is not drafted as properly as it should be and that can be dealt with but I think the concept is one worth discussing. In talking to Senator Hannibal, I agreed with his concern and it is a concern that I think many of us share that raising the drinking age to 21 while neighboring states do not have a similar drinking age can actually compound the problems instead of alleviate the problem. Now I didn't use to believe that, honestly. I wasn't one of those Lincolmites that drove down to Kansas to get that 3.2 beer when I was in high school. I heard about